

REMARKS

Claims 10-16 are pending in the application and are rejected.

Claims 10 and 11-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner states that dependencies of Claims 11-16 are unclear because Claims 11-16 are depending on the canceled claims 1, 2 and 6. Regarding claim 10, the Examiner states that it is unclear how "a handheld digital camera" recited in line 4 relates to "a handheld digital camera" recited in lines 1-2.

By this amendment, claim 10 has been changed in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion to clarify that the "handheld digital camera" recited in line 4 relates to the "handheld digital camera" recited in lines 1-2. In addition, claims 11 and 13-15 have been amended to depend on claim 10, claim 12 has been amended to depend on claim 11, and claim 16 has been amended to depend on claim 15. Accordingly, these changes should overcome the rejection of claims 10-16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Doumies (U.S. 5,343,509).

By this amendment, claim 10 has been changed to more clearly set forth the present invention. As amended, claim 10 particularly points out that the handheld digital camera includes an A/D converter for producing digital image data from each captured image, a memory for storing the digital image data for at least one captured image, and a transceiver for transmitting the stored digital image data via radio frequency transmission. The method set forth in amended claim 10 includes the steps of storing digital image data corresponding to the captured image in the memory, selecting a plurality of receiver units that are to receive the stored digital image data, and using the transceiver to transmit stored digital image data and a header identifying each of the selected receiver units. The method further includes the step of receiving the transmitted digital image data and the header, and providing the transmitted digital image data to each of the selected receiver units, wherein the digital image data is transmitted once from

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the handheld digital camera, and is simultaneously provided to at least two different receiver units.

Amended claim 10 is believed to be patentable over Dounies. Dounies teaches an apparatus for transmission of previously stored information to emergency services and the subsequent establishment of a voice link to the services. The Examiner states that Dounies teaches that the transmitted image may be orderly routed to one or all of the selected receivers, and more specifically, that col. 6, lines 30-41 teaches that the user may select one or all of the receiver units by pressing the specific switches 4/5, and then the stored image will be transmitted with a single transmission to at least two different receiver units, such that FIRE/POLICE, when the switch 3 is finally pressed.

Although Dounies teaches that the apparatus can include a digital camera for transmission of a photograph to multiple receivers (i.e. FIRE and MEDICAL), Dounies does not teach or suggest providing the transmitted digital image data to each of the selected receiver units, wherein the digital image data is transmitted once from the handheld digital camera, and is simultaneously provided to at least two different receiver units, as set forth in amended claim 10.

Column 6, lines 30-41 of the Dounies specification teaches that the ROM messages and data blocks are transmitted to multiple receivers "in sequence" upon activation of switch 3. Thus, if the same image data were to be transmitted to two receivers, that image data would have to be transmitted twice (i.e., a first transmission to FIRE and then immediately followed by a second transmission of the same image data to MEDICAL). Even though there may be a single transmission to two receivers, the image data is being transmitted twice in sequence. There is no disclosure or suggestion in Dounies which teaches transmitting an image a single time from the camera, and providing that image data simultaneously to multiple receivers, as set forth in amended claim 10 of the present invention. Accordingly, amended claim 10 is believed to be patentable over Dounies.

It is believed that these changes now make the claims clear and definite and, if there are any problems with these changes, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

In view of the foregoing, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version With Markings to Show Changes Made"**.

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In the Claims:

Claim 10 has been amended as set forth below:

10. (Once Amended) A method for transmitting a digital image from a handheld digital camera to a plurality of selected receiver units over a radio frequency link, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing [a] said handheld digital camera including:
 - (i) an image sensor for capturing at least one image;
 - (ii) an A/D converter for producing digital image data from each captured image;
 - [(ii)] (iii) a memory for storing the digital image data for at least one captured image; and
 - [(iii)] (iv) a transceiver for transmitting the stored digital image data [at least one stored image] via radio frequency transmission;
- (b) capturing an image using the image sensor;
- (c) storing digital image data corresponding to the captured image in the memory;
- (d) selecting a plurality of receiver units that are to receive the stored digital image data;
- (e) using the transceiver to transmit the stored digital image data and a header identifying each of the selected receiver units; and
- (f) receiving the transmitted digital image data and the header, and providing the transmitted digital image data to each of the selected receiver units, wherein [a single transmission of the stored image enables the stored image to be] the digital image data is transmitted once from the handheld digital camera and is simultaneously provided to at least two different receiver units.

Claim 11 has been amended as set forth below:

11. (Once Amended) The method as claimed in claim [1] 10 wherein the handheld digital camera includes a display screen to display the captured image.

Claim 12 has been amended as set forth below:

12. (Once Amended) The method as claimed in claim [2]
11 wherein the display screen also displays the plurality of selected receiver units.

Claim 13 has been amended as set forth below:

13. (Once Amended) The method as claimed in claim [1]
10 wherein the stored digital image data is JPEG compressed.

Claim 14 has been amended as set forth below:

14. (Once Amended) The method as claimed in claim [1]
10 wherein the header includes an address for each of the selected receiver units.

Claim 15 has been amended as set forth below:

15. (Once Amended) The method as claimed in claim [1]
10 wherein the transceiver is a cellular telephone transceiver.

Claim 16 has been amended as set forth below:

16. (Once Amended) The method as claimed in claim [6]
15 wherein the transmitted digital image data and the header is received by a
cellular telephone receiver which provides the transmitted digital image data to
the plurality of selected receiver units.

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